

The Anti-Saloon League

Editorial by Rev. Father P. J. O'Callaghan, President of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America in the Catholic Temperance Advocate for November.

The Anti-Saloon League will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its establishment by holding a Jubilee Convention during the second week of this month in Columbus, Ohio. All signs point to a great and memorable gathering of veteran warriors and enthusiastic neophytes in the struggle against the saloon. We feel that every friend of temperance ought to wish all success to the forces gathered in Columbus under the banners of the Anti-Saloon League. The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America in its resolutions formed at many conventions has repeatedly congratulated the Anti-Saloon League on its successful attacks upon the saloon. It is fitting that at this moment the felicitations of the past should be repeated.

We feel that all friends of temperance ought to be bound by bonds of sympathy with all who fight on the side of temperance. None has waged a more consistent or a more persistent fight against the saloon than has the Anti-Saloon League. In season and out of season that League has watched for opportunity to cripple the saloon power and to overthrow it whenever possible. There has been no disguise and the saloon interests have learned to fear and to hate the Anti-Saloon League. We honor it for the enemies it has made, as well as for the services it has rendered to the cause of temperance.

It has been said that the Anti-Saloon League has made mistakes. It is always a safe assertion to declare that any human organization has made mistakes. What organization or what individual has not made mistakes? Let him who is without fault cast the first stone. We regret that some friends of temperance have vied with friends of the saloon in condemnation of the Anti-Saloon League. The sympathies of the former ought to make a vast difference in their estimate of the League over the estimate made for obvious reasons by the latter. Friends ought not to exaggerate at all events the faults of friends. Our sympathies reveal our real friendships. It is good to be so well-balanced and so catholic-minded that we can enter into the feelings of all sorts of people. But that is quite a different matter from making chameleons of ourselves and changing the color of our sympathies with every newest association. We owe charity to all men but sympathy only to those whom we deem worthy of love and admiration. Our sympathy is with the Anti-Saloon League and we view its faults with the eyes of friends and not with the eyes of those who have plenty of reason for hating it.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America cannot be affiliated with the Anti-Saloon League. Our National Union is a religious organization and such all the wisest friends of temperance want it to remain. The Anti-Saloon League has never asked for affiliation and respects our Union because of the position it has maintained. The purposes of the Anti-Saloon League do not clash with the purposes of our National Union. They belong to a field into which our National Union cannot go as an organization without destroying its usefulness in its own field of activity. There is so much for all to do, it behooves every organization and every man to do that work well which his hands have found to do. A great cause ought to inspire great charity among its defenders and establish bonds of sympathy amongst all who face the same enemies.

We congratulate the Anti-Saloon League on its many years of valuable service in the cause of temperance. We know of no religious or civic organization that has done as much as it has done to eliminate the saloon in large sections of our country. We

believe the saloon is a proximate occasion of sin for so many thousands that it seems to us not only the right of citizens to eliminate it but rather their duty to extirpate it wherever possible. We hope the great convention in Columbus will inspire new zeal in those who are fighting the great battle against the most destructive enemy of our country and humanity.

SULLIVAN GAVE 'EM A KNOCK OUT BLOW.

Sullivan, Ind., November 12.—Jackson township, Sullivan county, voted against having saloons at the local option election here by a majority of 247.

THE BARTENDER.

By Rev. F. E. Inezer.

The dirty grog shop on the street
The worthless bums are filling,
Some dressed in broadcloth gay
And others dressed in drilling.

Behind the bar the tender stands
As fat as any possum;
His hair awry, an eye knocked out,
His nose a toddy blossom.

Farmer—I have a brownleghorn
down home that lays the year around.

Cityman—Oh, that's nothing. We
have a milkman at home who lays
a bottle of milk in front of our door
every morning.—Judge.



COLUMBUS GREETED THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CONVENTION, ALL RIGHT

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